



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

William Butler Cowden et al.

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USE OF COXIELLA BACTERIA TO TREAT AUTOIMMUNE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE AND REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 10, 2003, Applicants offer the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants believe that the now pending claims are related to the elected invention. Nevertheless, without acquiescing to the grounds for rejection Applicants have filed a continuation to pursue these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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